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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 13, 2010.

I hereby appoint the Honorable SHEILA JACKSON LEE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Congress opens another day of work with a moment of prayer, Lord. In doing so, it sets an example for the people of this Nation whose government is of the people.

Only in and through reflection and prayer will Your people grow in virtue. To retain its strength and moral integrity, this Republic needs reflective and virtuous people. So we pray.

We pray not only for ourselves, but for all those whose lives are touched by our own. We pray for all those whose lives will be affected by our decisions and our actions in the work set before us.

Be with us now, Lord God Almighty, for we acknowledge You in the beginning and seek You and that Your will be done in the end. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HEINRICH led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

THE DISCLOSE ACT

(Mr. HEINRICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HEINRICH. Madam Speaker, like most Americans I am outraged by the Supreme Court's decision in the Citizens United case that overturned decades of law that prohibited corporations from spending unlimited money in political campaigns. The Citizens United decision was a victory for the Wall Street banks, credit card companies and Big Oil, but it was a slap in the face to average Americans.

Today, I am proud to announce that I am cosponsoring the Disclose Act, which is a direct response to the Citizens United decision. The Disclose Act will increase transparency and disclosure of political spending. It will prevent foreign corporations from places like Venezuela and Saudi Arabia from influencing American elections, and it will ensure that corporations that took money in the Bush bailout can't spend that money to influence our elections.

It is time we put the American voter first and stop corporate excess in our elections. The Disclose Act will do just that.

CLEAN AND SAFE ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

(Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, when it comes to exploring for Earth's natural resources, there can be no compromise on safety. The recent catastrophe in the Gulf of Mexico reminds us that the safety of our workers and the environment cannot be taken for granted.

There are 3,500 oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico. Accidents are extremely rare, and our goal needs to be zero tolerance. We are better off having high standards and drilling for our own oil than crossing our fingers and hoping that other countries will adhere to our standards.

We have to pursue safe drilling, and use our own resources to clean our air, land, and water. The U.S. can reap between \$2.2 trillion and \$3.7 trillion in revenues and use our own offshore oil and gas to fund cleaning up our Nation's waterways, build energy efficient transportation systems, and invest in clean coal, nuclear, wind, solar, geothermal, and other renewable energy sources.

H.R. 2227 does just that. We create millions of jobs, don't borrow money from China, stop sending billions to OPEC, and don't raise taxes. So instead of running up record deficits, instead of having millions without jobs, let's get Americans back to work and pass H.R. 2227, the American Conservation and Clean Energy Independence Act. America can't keep waiting.

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

(Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to

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